

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...talked about similar legislation, I asked them was it just like this bill and they said, no, it was different. So the key word always is "similar". It is not the same thing, but even if 49 other states had a bad law, that is no reason for Nebraska to do it, and if 48 other senators vote for this bill, that is no reason for me to vote for it. So I hope you will look at this section very carefully and read it. Then you will see the validity of the motion to strike it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. The Chair would interrupt debate to announce that Senator Goodrich has guests in the north balcony. There are 30 Westside High School students from Omaha with their leader. If you would stand, we would like to recognize you and welcome you to the State Legislature. I guess they are not up there yet. It is rumored that there are 200 Westside High School students in the building visiting today so we will probably see them later. Also the Chair would like to have you welcome a good friend of mine from past legislative years, a former senator, George Syas from Omaha. Welcome back, George. The Chair recognizes Senator Hoagland. We are discussing the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Let me just make a couple of brief comments, Mr. President, in opposition to the Chambers amendment. Let me indicate, first of all, that if it is amended, if that amendment is adopted, half of the bill is going to be taken out. It is going to gut basically one-half of what the bill does. If you support the bill, I would urge you to reject this amendment. Let me comment, secondly, that in my eight years in the Nebraska Legislature I have never attended a public hearing on a bill or an interim study on a bill where they have been such unanimity among law enforcement officers throughout the state that this bill is needed. It is truly remarkable to attend an interim study in Omaha as we did and have the Director of the State Patrol, have the Sheriff of Douglas County, have other law enforcement officers from around the state at that and other interim study hearings say that this is a bill that we really need, that we really seriously need if we are going to be able to exert more control over these activities. Now I think it would be a grave mistake for the